

**Precalc Warm Up # 12-2**

Solve. Give exact answers if possible. Do not use logarithms:

1.  $8^x + 3 = 7$       2.  $4^x = \frac{1}{32}$       3.  $2^x = 20$   
(hint: graph it!)

4.  $(x^2 - 5)^{x+5} = 1$

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1. Solve the following equations.

(b)  $\left\{x \mid 7^x = \frac{1}{49}\right\}$

(e)  $\{x \mid 3^{x-2} = 81\}$

(h)  $\{x \mid 4^{2x+1} = 128\}$

2. Solve the following equations.

(b)  $\left\{x \mid 8^x = \frac{1}{4}\right\}$

(e)  $\{x \mid 2^{4x-1} = 1\}$

(h)  $\{x \mid 4^{-x} = 32\sqrt{2}\}$

$$2^{2(-x)} = 2^5 \cdot 2^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$2^{-2x} = 2^{11/2}$$

$$-2x = \frac{11}{2}$$

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**1.** Solve the following for the unknown

(b)  $4^{x+1} = 8^{2x-4}$

(e)  $16^{2x-1} = 8^{2x+1} \rightarrow 2^{4(2x-1)} = 2^{3(2x+1)}$

(h)  $8^x = \frac{1}{16^{x+1}}$

**2.** Solve for the unknown

(b)  $8^{x+1} = 2^{x^2-1}$

(e)  $6\sqrt{n^2-3n} = 36 \leftarrow 6^2$

$$(\sqrt{n^2-3n})^2 = (2)^2$$

$$n^2 - 3n - 4 = 0$$

$$\vdots$$

**3.** Solve the following

(a)  $(x^2 - x - 1)^{x^2} = x^2 - x - 1$

$\bigcirc^{\text{any pos \#}} = \bigcirc$

$$x^2 - x - 1 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1 - 4(-1)}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

(b)  $(x - 2)^{x^2 - x - 12} = 1$

(c)  $(3x-4)^{2x^2} = (3x-4)^{5x-2}$

$$2x^2 = 5x - 2$$

$$2x^2 - 5x + 2 = 0$$

$$(2x-1)(x-2) = 0$$

$$x = \cancel{\frac{1}{2}}, 2$$

check  $x = \frac{1}{2}$

$$\left(3\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - 4\right)^{2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2}$$

$$\frac{3}{2} - \frac{8}{2}$$

$$\left(-\frac{5}{2}\right)^{1/2}$$

$$\sqrt{-\frac{5}{2}} \quad "$$

$$\bigcirc_{\text{Any } \neq 0} = \bigcirc_{\text{Any other } \neq 0}$$

$$3x - 4 = 0$$

$$\boxed{x = \frac{4}{3}}$$

Check for positive exponents:

$$2\left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^2 \checkmark$$

$$5\left(\frac{4}{3}\right) - 2$$

$$\frac{20}{3} - \frac{6}{3} \checkmark$$

(d)  $|x|^{x^2-2x} = 1$

(e)  $(x^2 + x - 57)^{3x^2 + 3} = (x^2 + x - 57)^{10x}$

$3x^2 + 3 = 10x$  | Any# = 1 | Any other#

$3x^2 - 10x + 3 = 0$

$(3x-1)(x-3) = 0$  |  $x^2 + x - 57 = 1$

$x = \frac{1}{3}, 3$  |  $x^2 + x - 58 = 0$

$x = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1-4(-58)}}{2}$

$x = -\frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{\sqrt{233}}{2}$

Any# > 0 = 0 | Any other# > 0

$x^2 + x - 57 = 0$  |  $(-1)^{\text{even}} = (-1)^{\text{even}}$

$x = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1-4(-57)}}{2}$  |  $(-1)^{\text{odd}} = (-1)^{\text{odd}}$

$x = -\frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{\sqrt{229}}{2}$ , but 10(-#) is -

$x^2 + x - 57 = -1$

$x^2 + x - 56 = 0$

$(x+8)(x-7) = 0$

$x = -8, 7$

$x = -\frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{\sqrt{229}}{2}$  |  $x = 7$

$\approx 7.07$  | check powers:

$x = -8$  |  $3(-8)^2 + 3 = 195$  |  $10(-8) = -80$

odd | even

$x = 7$  |  $3(7)^2 + 3 = 150$  |  $10(7) = 70$

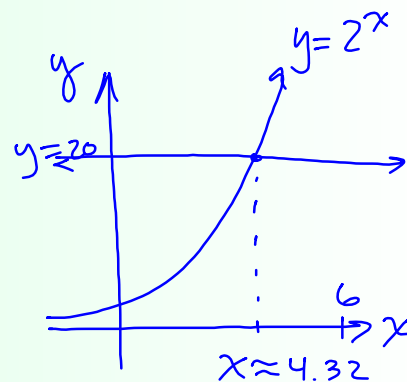
even | even ✓

What if the base can't be made the same?

We could graph...

from the warm up:  $2^x = 20$

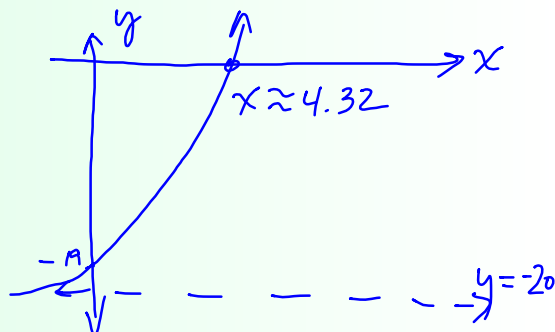
Graph  $y = 2^x$  } find the intersections  
 $y = 20$



OR

Graph  $y = 2^x - 20$

and look for the zeros



# What is e?

Leonhard  
Euler  
1706 - 1783

$$e = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^x$$

$x$	
$\neq 0$	
1	2
2	$\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{9}{4}$
10	$\approx 2.5937$
100	$\approx 2.7048$
500	$\approx 2.7156$
1000	$\approx 2.7169$
2000	$\approx 2.7176$
10,000	$\approx 2.7181$
20,000	$\approx 2.7182$

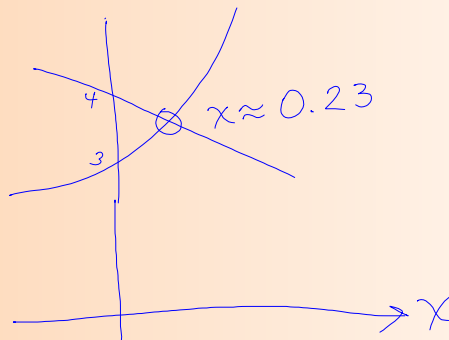
$$e \approx 2.718$$

You can often use logarithms to solve for  $x$  when  $x$  is in the exponent. Some problems are only possible to solve with the graphing method. Sometimes logarithms will work but other methods are quicker.

Ex:  $e^{2x+9} = \frac{1}{e}$   
 $e^{2x+9} = e^{-1}$

$$\begin{aligned} e^{2x+9} &= e^{-1} \\ 2x+9 &= -1 \\ 2x &= -10 \\ x &= -5 \end{aligned}$$

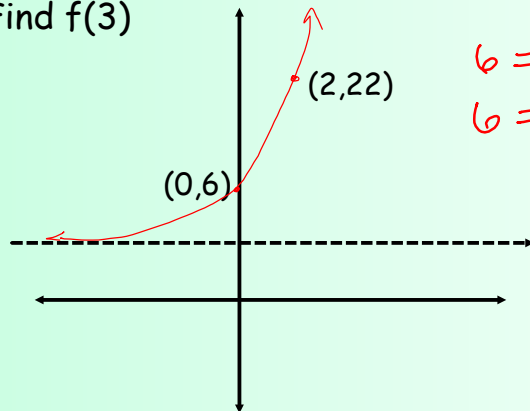
Ex:  $3e^x = -x + 4$



Groups, try this one:

The exponential graph  $f(x) = a(3)^x + b$  is graphed below.

Find  $f(3)$



$$\begin{aligned} b &= a(3)^0 + b & 22 &= a(3)^2 + b \\ b &= a + b & 22 &= 9a + b \\ & & - (b &= a + b) \end{aligned}$$

$$16 = 8a$$

$$a = 2$$

$$b = 4$$

$$f(x) = 2(3)^x + 4$$

$$f(3) = 2(3)^3 + 4$$

$$f(3) = 58$$

HW: SL Book

p. 206 #1ai, 2e

p. 208 #1-7 (b only on these),  
and # 8, 9, 10

**Do not use logarithms on any of these!!!!!!**